

Vintage 2019 Release Notes

The Vintage 2019 population estimates reflect the following methodological changes since the release of the Vintage 2018 estimates.

Net International Migration Estimates

We updated the net Puerto Rico-United States migration component to use Bureau of Transportation Statistics Airline Passenger Traffic data, combined with 2017 1-year American Community Survey and Puerto Rico Community Survey data, in order to account for the impact of post-hurricane return migration during the July 2018 - June 2019 estimates period. This results in a net out-migration from the United States to Puerto Rico between 2018 and 2019. For more details, refer to the “Puerto Rico Resident Population by Age and Sex” section in the full Vintage 2019 methodology statement for the Nation, States, Counties, and Puerto Rico Population.

Domestic Migration Estimates

Medicare data were not made available to the Census Bureau for vintage years 2018 and 2019. Vintage 2017 Medicare-based net domestic migration rates, and the Medicare-based out rates and in proportions (by characteristics), were held constant for two years.

Birth Estimates

Prior to Vintage 2018, due to the availability of data from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), birth estimates had a two-year lag. In calendar year 2016, NCHS slightly modified their method for imputing race in the 1977 Office of Management and Budget race categories. To maintain a consistent time series in the estimates, the Vintage 2019 birth estimates have a four-year lag. For more details about the procedures used to estimate births, see the full Vintage 2019 methodology statement for the Nation, States, Counties, and Puerto Rico Population.